

Amendment to Specification

Please amend paragraph 0019, at page 5 of the specification, as shown below:

[0019] In a one-liter batch reactor a heel was formed by adding 254 grams of methanol, 8.5 grams of Grace 2724 sponge cobalt catalyst to a reactor. The reactor was pressure cycled three times with nitrogen, three-times with hydrogen, and then, heated to 120 °C. ~~To this reactor was incrementally added 310 grams of nitrile feed in four hours. 254 grams of methanol and 8.5 grams of Grace 2724 cobalt catalyst. The reactor was pressure cycled three times with nitrogen, three-times with hydrogen, and then, heated to 120 °C.~~ To this reactor was incrementally added 423 grams of nitrile feed in five hours. The nitrile feed was made by reacting DEG (LiOH present at 1000 ppm) with acrylonitrile at a molar ratio of 1:2.03 such that the concentration of dicyanoethyl DEG and monocyanoethyl DEG in the reaction product was about 9:1. Once the hydrogenation was over the product was removed using a filter, and then, the subsequent runs were started using the same catalyst with fresh solvent and feed. The subsequent hydrogenation reactions were carried out at 800 psig (56 bar) and 120 °C. The results are shown in the Table.